

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claim objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 20-34 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would allow these claims if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 20, 26, 27 and 32 to comply with the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now placed in a condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peled, et al. (U.S. Publication No. 20030149732), in view of Jhingan, et al. (U.S. Publication No. 20040186894). Applicant has cancelled these claims. Applicant will pursue the prosecution of these claims in a continuation application.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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